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PANAMA FOR SALG/CINCSO FOR POLAD/LIMA FOR RSO

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TAGS: ASEC, PINS, EC

SUBJ: STUDENT DISURBANCE

REF: GUAYAQUIL 848 (NOTAL)

1. USIS JEEP TAKEN AT GUNPOINT THIS MORNING ABOUT 10:30 AM WHILE FILLING UP AT GAS STATION. DRIVER FORCED TO GIVE UP KEYS TO TWO ARMED YOUTHS MASKED WITH HANDKERCHIEFS WHO TOOK VEHICLE FROM THERE TOWARD UNIVERSITY WHERE, ACNORDING POLICE, IT WAS BURNED. EYEWITNESSES REPORTED COMPLETE DESTRUCTION. DRIVER FLED SAFELY, LOCATION OF GAS STATION IS SOME DISTANCE FROM UNIVERSITY WHERE STUDENTS HAD PUT UP ROAD BLOCKS AND STARTED DEMONSTRATIONS MID-MORNING. ACCORDING TO STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF ASSAULT, THEY APPARENTLY THOUGHT VEHICLE WAS "GOVERNMENT".

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2. STUDENTS HAVE BURNED SEVERAL VEHICLES AND SITUATION ACCORDING POLICE SERIOUS. MILITARY HAS REPORTEDLY OPENED FIRE IN UNIVERSITY AREA.

3.I ORDERED ALL OFFICIAL VEHICLES OFF STREETS AND HAVE CLOSED CONSULATE GENERAL. BINATIONAL CENTER ALSO CLOSED. UPON ADVICE POLICE ALL AMERICAN PERSONNEL LIVING IN AREAS NEAR OR BEYOND UNIVERSITY ARE NOT GOING HOME TO LUNCH AND ARE STAYING IN CONSULATE GENERAL BUILDING OR BINATIONAL CENTER UNTIL SITUATION CLEARS UP. FAMILIES HAVE BEEN TOLD STAY IN HOMES.

4. FUNERAL OF YOUNG PROFESSOR, ROSA PAREDES, IS TODAY AND DISTRUBANCES MAY SPREAD TO CENTER OF TOWN, SINCE BODY HAS BEEN AT OLD UNIVERSITY BUILDING AND TRIP TO CEMETERY REQUIRES MOVEMENT IN THAT AREA.
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